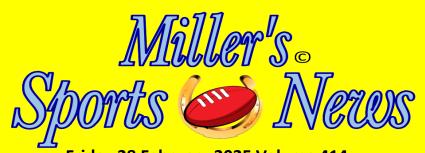
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March shapes up as one of the biggest months for South Australia Cricket in a long time as they attempt to win their first domestic trophies since 2012. Tomorrow sees them face off in a One-day Cup Final at Adelaide Oval against Victoria from 2pm, while they are now also in the box seat to play in the Shield Final at the end of the month.

The One-day Final is their first assignment and they'll come up against a confident Victoria team that came off a bonus point win over New South Wales last Sunday. Young opener Campbell Kellaway peeled off a fine ton, former Aussie Under 19 Harry Dixon made a brisk half-century, while Peter Handscomb smashed an unbeaten 91 off just 52 balls as the Vics chased down 311 inside 38 overs. In bowling, they have the experience of Peter Siddle and Scott Boland, spinner Todd Murphy and all-rounders Will Sutherland and Sam Elliott, plus seamer Fergus O'Neill who is having an excellent Shield season. They will be tough to beat.

South Australia have been playing well, Mackenzie Harvey smashed a brilliant ton last Sunday, Harry Nielsen did well to make 41 as an opener last game, while Daniel Drew, skipper Nathan McSweeney and Jason Sangha make up a strong top five. Player of the season and promising all-rounder Liam Scott will make his return to the side, probably at the expense of Jake Lehmann, while Nathan McAndrew should come in for either Jordan Buckingham or Wes Agar, both of whom copped some tap from the bat of Mitch Owen last weekend.

I'm tipping a high scoring final, given the nature of the pitch in recent white-ball matches at Adelaide Oval. If you win the toss the question is, do you bat first and try set a total of 350 plus, or decide to chase and take that chance that you'll need to chase down a large total? Whatever happens it should be a ripper game, with both sides having some quality players – hopefully the fans turn out to see what will be a high-quality contest.

RIP—Michael Moroney - Highly respected resilient Gentleman of the Turf— "Heaven is High and the Earth is Wide."

The NRL Season kicks off this Sunday with 2 matches—The Dugong's selections— Warriors and Panthers

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Morphett Parks	Flemington	Randwick	Eagle Farm
Crystal Clear	The Shark	Harbour Harry	Jungle Jim
R1:4,10,2,9	1:5,3,1,2	1:13.3,1,6	1:6,1,2,4
R2:3,1,2,4	2: 14 , 15 , 2 , 10	2:13,3,5,7	2:7,2,3,1
R3:2,1,5,8	3:2,7,6,3	3:5,4,6,1	3:1,8,2,3
R4: 1, 2, 7, 4	4:8,5,10,17	4:2,1,4,3	4:1,6,7,3
R5: 4, 1, 5, 6	5: 11,2,8,7	5:5,11,1,2	5:2,7,9,4
R6: 5, 2, 1, 3	6: 12 , 11 , 17 , 5	6:1,3,2,6	6:6,12,1,5
R7: 7, 2, 8, 4	7: 11 , 7 , 10 , 3	7:1,2,9,6	7: 12 , 8 , 2 , 14
R8: 9,2,6,1	8:7,4,1,12	8:9,8,1,5	8:1,2,3,4
R9: 11,3,8,4	9:7,2,1,11	9:7,6,1,3	9: 11,6,8,7
	10: 15,5,9,11	10: 13 , 14 , 2 , 7	10: 2, 4, 9, 13

Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
SR 6 # 3 Alsephina	BR 1 # 6 Godzilla	AR 4 # 1 Bad Detective
BR 6 # 11 Redzoust	MR 8 # 12 Sepals	AR 7 # 4 Squad
MR 10 # 5 Aramco	SR 10 # 2 Birdman	AR 8 # 9 Porter

At The Barriers Podcast by Gary Newton - Morphettville Parks Selections

Race 1: The Stokes-trained PIRATE was finishing well, and it looks like the rise in distance to 1400m is ideal. The blinkers go back on for Saturday's assignment. SYNCHRO hasn't raced since May last year but comes off two soft trials. Select 4 from 6 Race 2: Victorian BOGUES won the Marong Cup a fortnight ago and, with the claim, gets in with just 52kgs. DUAL FUEL finished second to Rich Champagne last start and the extra distance suites. Selections: 2 from 3

Race 3: The Andrew Bobbin trained RICH CHAMPAGNE has won his past two and will be hard to beat again. IMPOSING SUS-PECT has been racing well and looks a chance. Selections: 1 to beat 2

Race 4: BAD DETECTIVE has been freshened since an easy all-the-way win this route in January has to carry 60kgs but has the services of Stubby Holder and looks the main chance. The Aaron Bain/Nick Taylor trained BULLET WING, was good last start and Taylor Johnstone claims 2kg will help. Selections: 1 from 2

Race 5: BEAUTY RISING will need some luck from the outside gate but is racing well. The Linda Meech trained ROCKET BOOST-ERS was good at Moonee Valley at only his second start. Selections: 1 to beat 4.

Race 6: ANGEL TORQUE scored back in January at Murray Bridge and has been in good form since. It looks like the rise to 1400m will suit. JUSTA STAR will race forward and gets in with Johnstone's claim of 2kg. Selections 3 from 1

Race 7: Former Singapore galloper ASIF makes his South Australian debut and will be the big watch in this. FINE FUTURE is only small but has a big engine drops back to 1000m, but will be in this for a long way. Selections 2 from 8

Race 8: WINDSTORM hasn't won since 2020 but drops in class. The Travis Double trained PRINCE JOFRA have trialled well at Morphettville recently. Selections: In a hard race 2 to beat 3

Race 9: LONGER ROUTE has raced since October last year in the Gawler Cup is smart when fit and has trialed recently. Victorian ROCK THE BAR won at Geelong with the blinkers on last start. Selections: 8 to beat 3.

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